Mountain Weather Forecast

Northwest Highlands

Including Sutherland, Ben Wyvis, Wester Ross, The Cuillin, Glen Affric, Glen Shiel and Knoydart
Forecast valid from 06:00 on Saturday 05 Dec 2020 until 23:59 on Sunday 06 Dec 2020

Forecast Issued on Saturday 05 Dec 2020 at 03:56 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for drier conditions developing during Saturday then mostly dry on Sunday and Monday. Staying cold with much lighter winds.

Headline for Saturday 05 Dec 2020: Wintery showers in the north and east. Drier with sunny spells in the west. Cold winds easing down.

Mountain weather hazards on Saturday 05 Dec 2020

Blizzards
No Likelihood

Heavy Snow
No Likelihood

Storm force winds
No Likelihood

Gales
No Likelihood

Severe chill effect
Medium Likelihood

Poor visibility
Low Likelihood

Thunderstorms
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
No Likelihood

Strong sunlight
No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m					
Time					
06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Heavy snow	Heavy snow	Light snow showers	Light snow showers	Light snow showers (night)	Light snow showers (night)
Precipitation probability					
60%	30%	20%	20%	30%	30%

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Weather: Rather cloudy with showers falling as snow above about 700 to 800m. The showers will be mostly over ranges east of Skye and towards Ben Wyvis, becoming fewer and lighter through the morning. Drier with sunny spells towards Skye and Knoydart. Further showers in the evening, falling as snow above 800-900m, mainly to the north of Assynt.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 20% mainly in west at first, improving 60% by the afternoon. Extensive cloud cover down around 600 to 700m, lifting and breaking by the afternoon.

Visibility: Mostly poor at first but pockets of good visibility towards West Coast. Visibility improving good in most areas by the afternoon away from any showers.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph) Wind Direction (blowing from)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	37/44 NE	33/40 NE	27/32 NE	21/25 NE	18/22 NE	17/21 NE	15/19 NE
900	33/40 NE	30/37 NE	24/30 NE	19/24 NE	17/22 NE	16/20 NE	14/18 NE
600	22/29 NE	20/28 NE	14/20 NE	11/16 NE	9/13 NE	9/13 NE	8/11 NE
300	8/32 NE	8/29 NE	5/21 NE	4/17 NE	5/16 NE	5/14 NE	4/13 NE
Glen	16/32 NE	13/28 NE	10/20 NE	7/15 NE	7/14 NE	6/12 NE	5/11 NE

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	-2/-12	-2/-11	-2/-10	-2/-9	-2/-8	-2/-8	-2/-8
900	-2/-10	-2/-10	-1/-9	-1/-7	-1/-7	-1/-7	-1/-7
600	1/-6	1/-6	1/-4	1/-3	1/-3	1/-3	0/-3
300	3/-0	3/-0	3/1	3/1	2/-0	2/-0	2/-1
Glen	5/1	5/1	6/2	5/3	4/2	4/2	3/1
Freezing Level*	700m	700m	800m	800m	800m	800m	800m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
Difficult walking conditions with drifted snow at higher elevations and very wet underfoot conditions lower down. Winds easing on the tops but still bitterly cold with sleet and temperatures around freezing.

Forecast for Sunday 06 Dec 2020
Weather: Mainly dry with sunny spells and just a few light showers, mostly over north Highlands, wintry above 700M.

Maximum wind: Light winds at all levels, Mainly northerly with average speeds on tops of only 10mph.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 70%. Occasional cloud around 700 to 800m especially in north of area.

Visibility: Very good with fine panoramic views of more distant snow covered tops.

Temperature: **Glens:** Minus 4 Celsius rising briefly above freezing early in afternoon.
At 800m: Zero Celsius.
Freezing level: 800m

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